

In the following text underlining indicates added text.

**Section 3173. General Visiting Regulations.**

**Section 3173 is amended to read:**

**First paragraph is unchanged.**

**Subsections 3173(a) through (o) are unchanged.**

**Subsection 3173(p) is added to read:**

(p) Visitors with medically implanted or prosthetic devices who cannot clear the metal detector shall present a letter of verification signed by their physician, physiatrist, prosthetist, or orthotist detailing the nature of the medically implanted prosthetic device and its specific location in/on the body. The verification letter shall be updated annually.

**Subsection 3173(q) is added to read:**

(q) Visitors who require the use of a wheelchair or other assistive device(s) for mobility impairment shall present a letter of verification signed by their physician, physiatrist, prosthetist, or orthotist detailing the specific type of mobility impairment and verifying the need for a wheelchair or mobility assistive device. The verification letter shall be updated annually. The visitor shall temporarily transfer to a designated institution wheelchair while visiting staff conduct an inspection of the visitor's wheelchair. Visitors who present letters signed by their physician, physiatrist, prosthetist, or orthotist which detail a specific type of mobility impairment and verify the need for using battery powered wheelchairs or custom designed wheelchairs shall be exempt from the process of transferring from their personal wheelchair. The visiting staff shall

conduct a visual inspection of the personal wheelchair, and a hand held metal detector shall be used to process the visitor.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 5058, Penal Code.

Reference: Sections 2600, 2601, 4570.5 and 5054, Penal Code

**Section 3177. Approval and Denial of Visits.**

**Section 3177 is amended to read:**

**First paragraph is unchanged.**

**Subsections 3177(a) and (b) are unchanged.**

**Subsections 3177(c) through (c)(10) are unchanged.**

**Subsection 3177(c)(11) is amended to read:**

(11) The official in charge of visiting may deny a single visit or terminate a visit in progress under the following kinds of circumstances:

(A) The visitor appears intoxicated or under the influence of drugs to the extent that his or her presence in the institution would pose an undue threat to the safety of self or others, or a threat to the security of the institution.

(B) The visitor is not properly attired as described in Section 3171(b).

(C) The visitor is under 18 years of age and the conditions prescribed in Section 3173(g) have not been met.

(D) The visitor has a medically implanted or prosthetic device and cannot clear the metal detector but does not provide the written verification as required in Section 3173(p).

(E) The visitor requires the use of a wheelchair or other assistive device(s) for mobility impairment, but does not provide the written

verification as required in Section 3173(q), or refuses to temporarily transfer to a designated institution wheelchair while the visitor's personal wheelchair is being inspected, unless exempted from transfer under the provisions of Section 3173(q).

(~~D~~F) The visiting areas are in use to maximum capacity and it is necessary to terminate the visits of those persons who have been visiting for the longest period of time in order to allow others to visit.

(~~E~~G) Serious violation of institution procedures governing visiting, or repetition of less serious violations and disregard for counseling about such violations.

**Subsections 3177(c)(12) and (c)(13) are unchanged.**

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 5058, Penal Code.  
Reference: Sections 2086, 2601, 2772, 2790, 4502, 4535, 4571, 4573, 4573.5, 4573.6, and 5054, Penal Code; and In re French, 106 Cal.App.3d 74 (1980).